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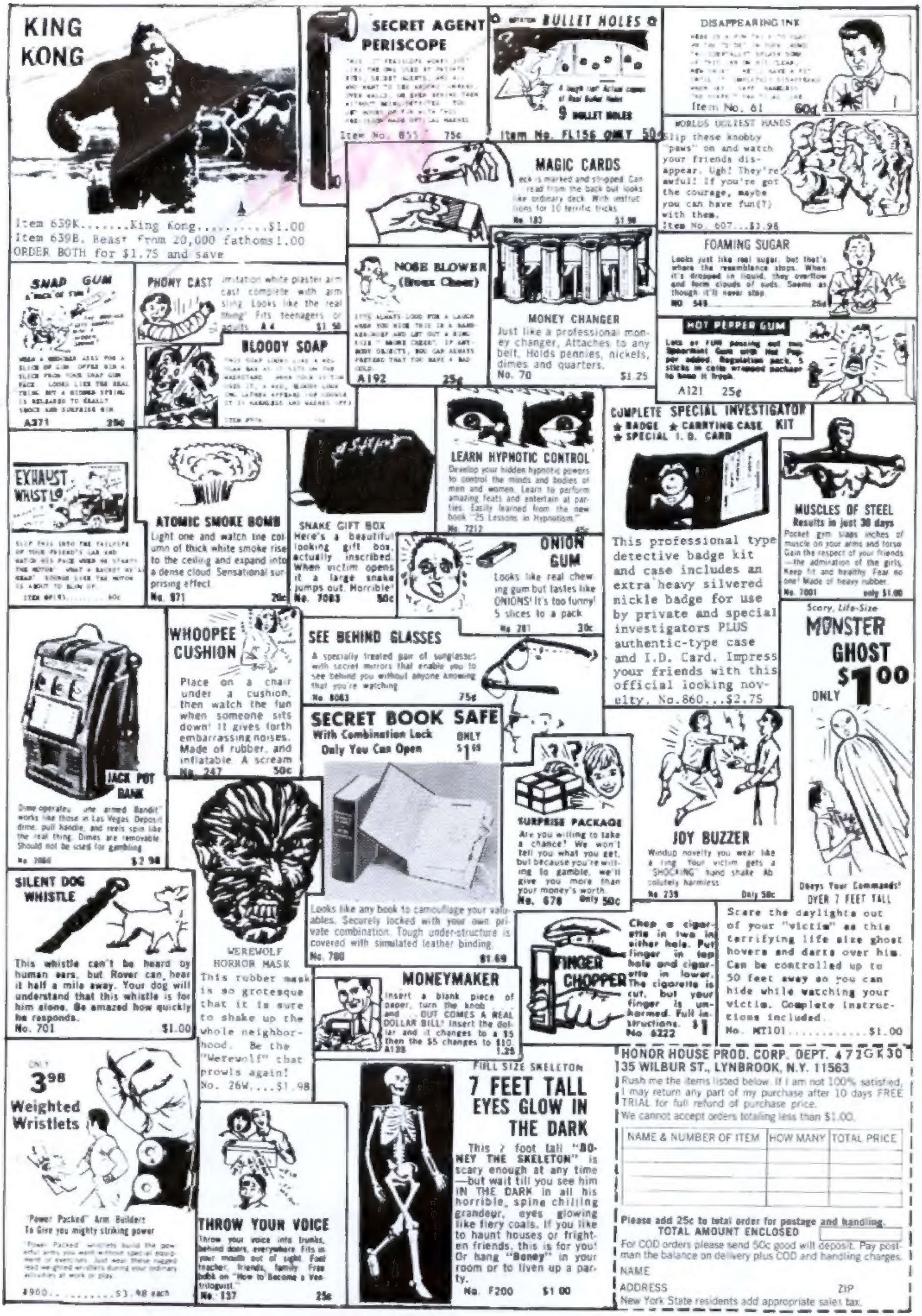
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THE MONSTERS

AM I THE ONLY MAN IN THE WORLD WHO SEES THEM AS THEY REALLY ARE? AM I THE ONLY MAN WHO KNOWS THE DANGER AND THE HORROR OF ***THE MONSTERS AROUND US!***

HOW DOES A SUBWAY MOTORMAN GET TO WORK? HE RIDES THE SUBWAY!

WHEW! NOT SO BAD TO DRIVE THESE BUGGIES, BUT RIDING IN ONE... *OFFF*... IS NO CINCH! WISH I COULD AFFORD A CAR... BUT I CAN'T AFFORD ANYTHING... EXCEPT A DULL ROUTINE...

BUT IN THE NEXT INSTANT LARRY FROST'S "DULL ROUTINE" VANISHED. THE CAR LURCHED VIOLENTLY AND LARRY TRIPPED!

WHAT THE--

OWWW-- MY HEAD!

HEY... Y'ALL RIGHT, MAC?
YES... YES... JUST A FUNNY WHIRRING IN MY EYES...
OHH... MY HEAD. WHAT A BUMP... OHHH...
THE INCIDENT PASSED. THE GIRL GOT OFF. THREE STOPS LATER, LARRY LEFT. BUT THEN IT BEGAN!
GOOD LORD! LOOK AT THAT MONSTER! DOESN'T ANYONE ELSE SEE IT...
LARRY SAW A SUBWAY GUARD. HE RAN FRANTICALLY TO HIM...
LOOK... LOOK AT THAT! WHAT IS IT? MAN, WHAT IS IT?
WHAT IS WHAT? YOU MEAN THAT GUY WALKING DOWN THE RAMP? WHAT ABOUT HIM? JUST ANOTHER GUY, AIN'T HE?
YOU MEAN HE LOOKS LIKE AN ORDINARY MAN TO YOU? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? I SAW A MONSTER!
THAT GUY... A MONSTER? HA HA! Y'OUGHTA GET MORE SLEEP! HAVE YOUR NIGHTMARES THEN! HA HA!
IN A DAZE, LARRY MADE HIS WAY TO THE CAR-BARN. HE BARELY HEARD THE DISPATCHER SPEAK TO HIM...
LARRY HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO PONDER HIS PROBLEM, FOR THERE WERE FEW, IF ANY RIDERS ON THAT ROUTE LATE AT NIGHT. IT WAS A LONELY WILD STRETCH OF TUNNEL, WHERE ANYTHING MIGHT HAPPEN...
MAYBE IT WAS A NIGHTMARE! NO ONE ELSE SAW IT SO HOW...
I... OH... HUH?
WAKE UP, BOY! I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU... YOU TAKE THE EAST SIDE TUNNEL UP TO 90TH STREET TONIGHT!
THAT "WHIRRING" IN MY EYES. WISH IT WOULD STOP. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT MADE ME SEE THAT... THAT "MONSTER." BRR... WHAT A SCARE I GOT...
CLOSED

WHEN THE ABANDONED WEST SIDE SUBWAY TUNNEL'S MOUTH LOOMED AHEAD, LARRY'S MUSINGS WERE CUT SHORT...
ANOTHER ONE! ANOTHER MONSTER! GOING DOWN THE CLOSED-OFF TUNNEL! I MUST BE GOING CRAZY!
LARRY STOPPED THE PASSENGER-LESS TRAIN. HE HAD TO SEE WHERE THE MONSTER HAD GONE... IF, INDEED HE HAD SEEN A MONSTER!
THIS'LL THROW ME OFF SCHEDULE. BUT I'M ALONE ON THE TRACK... AND I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW THAT... THAT THING!
SUDDENLY LARRY SAW A SCENE OF HORROR THAT ROOTED HIM TO THE SPOT.
THE ABANDONED TUNNEL WAS DARK AND DANK. IT SEEMED TO WHISPER OF THE HORROR THAT LAY AHEAD...
THERE! A LIGHT UP AHEAD! THEN I'M NOT CRAZY! I DID SEE SOMETHING! THERE IS SOMETHING... SOMEONE... UP AHEAD!
WE MUST KILL THE TWO HUMANS WHO SEE US AS WE REALLY ARE! OTHERWISE THEY WILL LEARN THAT WE GROUNDINGS ARE TAKING OVER THE WORLD!
BUT ARE YOU SURE THEY CAN SEE THROUGH THE HYPNOTIC SCREEN WE HAVE THROWN OVER THE EARTH?
OF COURSE! DID I NOT SEE THE FREAK ACCIDENT? THEY BUMPED THEIR HEADS TOGETHER... ATTUNED THEIR SIGHT MECHANISMS TO SEE US AS WE REALLY ARE!
THEN THEY MUST DIE! DEATH TO THEM! AIII! KILL! KILL!
WE HAVE THE GIRL NOW... IN THE DISINTEGRATING TOP! WE SHALL HAVE THE MAN BEFORE THE NIGHT IS OUT!
PLEASE... PLEASE LET ME OUT!

THEY'RE GIBBERING ABOUT ME AND THAT GIRL... THE ONE I BUMPED INTO! THEY'VE GOT HER IN THAT CONTRAPTION! I'VE GOT TO GET HELP!
YAAA! HELP!
SPURRED BY TERROR, LARRY RAN FROM THE ABANDONED TUNNEL, AS THE MACHINE NOW GAVE OFF AN OMINOUS HUMMING SOUND...
YAI'EE!
SHE DISINTEGRATES--- FROM FLESH TO BONES!
THE GIRL'S TERRIBLE SCREAMS STOPPED ABRUPTLY AS THE HUMMING BECAME A HIGH WHINE. THEN...
SHE IS NO MORE!
YAAAAA..
MELT... MELT! THUS WE WILL RID OURSELVES OF ALL WHO DISCOVER OUR PLOT TO CONQUER THE WORLD! HA HA!
WITH FEVERISH HASTE LARRY THREW THE CAR INTO MOTION... AND THEN THE LONE PASSENGER MADE A STARTLING STATEMENT...
HURRY! HURRY PLEASE! I SAW MONSTERS ON THE TRACK!
WHAT--- YOU SAW THEM TOO! BUT THEY DON'T KNOW THERE'S A THIRD PERSON WHO CAN SEE THEM!
MEANWHILE, LARRY FROST DASHED MADLY BACK TO HIS CAR! HE HAD TO GET THE POLICE... TAKE THEM TO THE ABANDONED TUNNEL...
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I'M SCARED--HURRY! GET THE CAR MOVING, PLEASE...
I--I THOUGHT THE CAR WAS EMPTY!

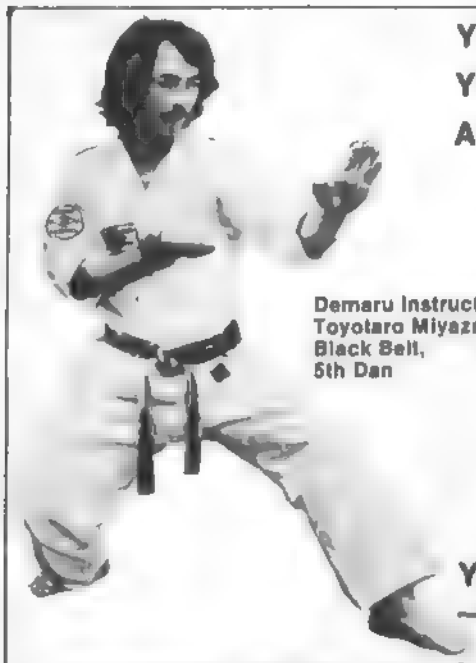
WHAT ARE THEY? WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
THEY'RE KILLING A GIRL BACK THERE AND PLANNING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD! AND THEY CAN DO IT BECAUSE THEY LOOK LIKE HUMANS TO EVERYONE ELSE! HEY... I CAN'T MOVE! I CAN'T STOP THE TRAIN!
HA-HA! WHY KEEP UP THE GAME ANY LONGER! OF COURSE YOU CANNOT MOVE, FOOL! I'VE HYPNOTIZED YOU! HA HA!
WHA--- AHHH! YOU'RE ONE OF THEM...
YES, BUT YOU COULD NOT SEE ME AS I REALLY AM UNTIL I CHOSE TO LET YOU! NOTHING SHALL STOP US FROM CONQUERING THE WORLD! HA HA!
NO! I'LL STOP YOU! I'LL... AHHH-- THE HEAT---I'M BURNING! YAAA!
YOU'LL DO NOTHING, FOOL EXCEPT DIE!
YOU REMEMBER THE STORIES IN THE NEWSPAPERS THE NEXT MORNING. "THE UNSOLVABLE MYSTERY" IT WAS CALLED. WHEN THE SUBWAY TRAIN STOPPED, GUARDS LOOKED IN AND SAW...
GLORY BE! A SKELETON AT THE CONTROLS OF FROSTS TRAIN!
GASP! SAINTS PROTECT US! WILL Y'LOOK AT THE THING! WHAT IS IT-- WHAT DOES IT MEAN---
YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS! SO YOU BE CAREFUL! LOOK CAREFULLY--- SCRUTINIZE YOUR NEIGHBORS, THE PEOPLE ON THE STREETS! ARE THEY WHAT THEY SEEM TO BE-- OR ARE THEY MONSTERS? PERHAPS THERE IS STILL TIME TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM ENSLAVEMENT BY THE MONSTERS ABOUT YOU!
THE END

HORROR WITH FANGS
THE AFTER-MIDNIGHT STILLNESS OF A DIM-LIT STREET IN NEW YORK... IS SHREDDED BY SLOW... SLITHERING FOOTSTEPS...
MY HEAD! IT'S SPLITTING OPEN! IF I DON'T GET SOMETHING INSIDE OF ME SOON, I'LL BE A GONER!
WHAT A BREAK... A GROCERY STILL OPEN! MUST BE TAKING INVENTORY OR SOMETHING...
GROCERY STORE

HIYA! WANNA BE A FRIEND? I'M IN A BAD WAY...(HICCUP)... GIVE ME SOMETHING FOR WHAT'S AILING ME!
BE GLAD TO, SIR. YOU CAME TO THE RIGHT PLACE... SIT DOWN ON THAT BOX FOR A SECOND.
POOR FELLOW... I KNOW JUST HOW HE FEELS...
LOOKS LIKE BEET SOUP... GUESS THE OLD DUFFER KNOWS WHAT HE'S GIVING ME.
THANKS. TRUST ME 'TIL TOMORROW... I LIVE JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
DON'T MENTION IT, SIR. YOU'LL BE BACK FOR MORE! I KNOW YOU WILL.
YOU'LL SEE, SIR. YOU'LL FEEL LIKE A NEW MAN WHEN YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING.
I SURE HOPE SO!
HOME SWEET HOME! I BETTER SIT DOWN FOR A SECOND. THAT ELEVATOR RIDE LEFT MY HEAD SPINNING LIKE A TOP...
BOY, I REALLY HAVE A LOAD ON! I BETTER DRINK THIS STUFF AS SOON AS I GET UPSTAIRS!

WHEW. I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE I'VE BEEN WEARING THIS MASK ALL THE TIME... THAT'S HOW STINKO I AM! THAT SURE WAS A LULU OF A MASQUERADE BALL!
HMM.. THE STUFF THE GROCER GAVE ME.. MAYBE THAT'LL HELP. I'LL TAKE IT INTO THE KITCHEN.. OPEN IT..
COVER SURE IS ON TIGHT... WHERE'S THE OPENER. IT'S SLIPPING!
JUST MY LUCK... WHAT THE... THAT'S NOT BEET SOUP!
CRASH!
SOBERED, THE YOUNG MAN RUSHES INTO THE STREET.
IT... IT LOOKS LIKE.. BLOOD!
THAT POOR LITTLE GROCER COULD GET INTO A LOT OF TROUBLE! I'LL TELL HIM TO CHECK THE REST OF THE STOCK!
GROCERY STORE

THAT JAR YOU GAVE ME... IT WAS FILLED WITH BLOOD!
IT WAS..?
YEAH! LET'S CHECK THE OTHER JARS, THEN WE'LL GO TOGETHER AND REPORT IT TO THE POLICE!
I'M SO SORRY!
THIS NEVER SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED..
...I MADE A DREADFUL MISTAKE...
YOU SEE... WHEN YOU CAME IN DRESSED THAT WAY...
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ONE OF US!
AAAACCCHH!
THE END



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LIGHTHOUSE TERROR
YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'VE SAVED EVERY PENNY FOR OUR BOAT SINCE THAT MAP FLOATED UP IN THAT BOTTLE TWENTY YEARS AGO! IT'S NOW OR NEVER!
THEN IT'S NOW! TONIGHT AFTER DARK WE'LL GET THE MAP AND START OUT!

AND THAT NIGHT.
EASY WITH THAT LAMP, WITH THE LIGHT-HOUSE OFFICIALLY CLOSED WE'D BETTER NOT BE SEEN!
IT'S THE CHANCE WE TAKE, LET'S GO IN!
WE'RE CLIMBING THIS LADDER FOR THE LAST TIME, ZACHERY!
RIGHT, WILMER, IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!
ZACHERY! WHAAA---
YOU CAN WAIT AN ETERNITY, WILMER! THE WHOLE TREASURE SHALL BE MINE!
LET'S GO, ZACHERY, I'VE WAITED TWENTY YEARS FOR THIS!
HEH-HEH! THE MAP!
ONLY A FOOL WOULD SHARE A TREASURE, WILMER! GOODBYE, MY FRIEND! HA HA!

YOU!.. PAY FOR... THIS. ZACHERY... I'LL SEE TO.. THAT! AGGRAAA!
HEH! HEH! HEH! DIE, WILMER, DIE!
BUT AS THE GLOATING MURDERER TURNS, HE IS GREETED BY A HIDEOUS SIGHT... INVISIBLE TO THE OTHERS!
I... WHA--! NO! IT CAN'T BE!
ARMED WITH THE BLOOD-DRENCHED TREASURE MAP, THE DIABOLICAL JENSEN SETS SAIL FOR THE DISTANT TROPICAL ISLE, ACTING AS HIS OWN CAPTAIN!
HA HA! MY OWN SHIP AND SOON MY OWN FORTUNE! AND BLETZ WILL NEVER BE FOUND IN THAT ABANDONED LIGHTHOUSE!
MAD AM I! I KILL MUTINEERS! ANYBODY ELSE CARE TO TAKE OVER MY SHIP!
YOU'RE DEAD I SAY! I KILLED YOU MYSELF!
CAPTAIN'S GONE OFF HIS NUT! HE MIGHT BE DANGEROUS!
RIGHT! IT'D BE BETTER IF HE WAS BOUND AND GAGGED! FOR ALL OF US!

THEN BACK TO POSITIONS BEFORE I TOSS YOU TO THE SHARKS! THERE'S A TREASURE TO BE HAD! BY ME! HA! HA! HA!
LAND! WE'RE NEARING THE ISLAND! WHAA! NO! KEEP AWAY FROM ME, BLETZ! AIEEE!
JENSEN'S SAVAGE BRUTALITY KEEPS THE MEN IN LINE AND THE LONG VOYAGE NEARS COMPLETION! BUT THE WEIRD AND LURID VISION CONTINUES TO PLAGUE HIM!
THE GHOST OF WILMER BLETZ SLOWLY, METHODICALLY DRIVES JENSEN INSANE! BUT OBSESSED WITH HIS LUST FOR WEALTH, THE CRAZED MURDERER PLODS FORWARD, FINALLY REACHING HIS FATEFUL GOAL!
THAT'S IT! WE'VE FOUND IT! DIG IT UP!
HA HA! I'LL BE THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN AMERICA! THE TREASURE IS MINE!

NO! KEEP AWAY! YOU'RE DEAD, BLETZ! DEAD!
YOU'RE JUST OVERTIRED! LET ME LEND YOU A HAND!
THE TREASURE IS ALL MINE I SAY! DEATH TO THOSE WHO MOVE TOO QUICKLY!
KEEP AWAY FROM THAT CHEST!
THE RETURN VOYAGE IS UNEVENTFUL UNTIL THE MANIACAL JENSEN'S SHIP PASSES THE DESERTED LIGHTHOUSE LAST USED AS WILMER BLETZ'S TOMB!
THE LIGHTHOUSE! STEER BY THE BEAM! RIGHT THROUGH THE CHANNEL!
BUT THE CHANNEL'S BEEN CHANGED, JENSEN! THERE ARE ROCKS THERE NOW!
NOW THE REST OF YOU--! LOAD IT ON BOARD AND REMEMBER ZACHERY JENSEN IS WATCHING YOU!
YESSIR, CAPT'N!

DO AS I SAY! THIS SHIP IS MINE AND SO IS THE TREASURE! STEER BY THE BEAM OF LIGHT! HA HA!
BUT THE LIGHT-HOUSE HASN'T BEEN USED IN OVER A YEAR! WE'LL BE RIPPED ON THE ROCKS, JENSEN!
RAVING HYSTERICALLY, THE CRAZED JENSEN HEADS HIS SHIP INTO THE EERIE BEAM FROM THE ABANDONED LIGHTHOUSE!
NEEE! GLUB AGGRAAA... ULP.. GULP
THERE'S A SHARK IN THE WATER!
HA HA HA HA
AND AS THE LAST REMAINS OF FIENDISH ZACHERY JENSEN AND HIS VESSEL SINK SLOWLY BENEATH THE WAVES, THE STRANGE BEAM OF LIGHT FLICKERS OUT AS A MURDERED MAN'S REVENGE IS COMPLETE!
The End

VAMPIRE

MY NAME IS WALTER FARNO. AS A WRITER OF SOME RENOWN, I AM ALSO AN INTENSE TRAVELER COME WITH ME AS I TELL YOU MY STORY... I FIRST ARRIVED AT BELNOW IN THE PYRENEES DURING THE SPRING MONTHS. THE TOWN MAYOR GREETED ME WITH GUSTO...

OSCAR FRAGA

AH, MONSIEUR FARNO! WELCOME! WELCOME TO OUR SMALL VILLAGE I HOPE YOU WILL FIND YOUR STAY AN ENJOYABLE ONE!

I'M SURE I WILL, MONSIEUR MAYOR!

HERE YOU! CAREFUL WITH THAT BOX!

IT IS YOURS, MONSIEUR!?

CRASH

UH YES! YOU SEE SIR, I'M NOT ONLY HERE ON A VACATION, BUT ALSO TO. UH. . COLLECT THINGS! I AM AN AVID COLLECTOR! THAT BOX HOLDS MY.. COLLECTION!
SO! BIEN! BELNOW HAS EVERYTHING AT YOUR DISPOSAL! NOW FOLLOW ME, MONSIEUR!
BELNOW GREETED ME WITH OPEN ARMS! IT WASN'T OFTEN THAT A FAMOUS WRITER CAME TO VISIT THEM BUT MY PURPOSE WAS NOT FOR A REST YOU SEE, I HAD ONLY TOLD THE MAYOR HALF THE TRUTH THAT NIGHT AT MY INN, I MET THE VILLAGERS.
YOUNG PAUL IS A HERCULES, IS HE NOT, MONSIEUR?
THAT HE IS, MONSIEUR!
THAT IS ENOUGH FOR TONIGHT, MY FRIENDS! I MUST GO BACK TO MY BLACKSMITH'S SHOP TO WORK! I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW!
GOOD NIGHT, PAUL!
OH, PAUL! MAY I WALK ALONG WITH YOU? I'D LIKE A BIT OF FRESH AIR!
COME ALONG, MONSIEUR FARNO! IT IS A PRIVELEGE!
WE WALKED ALONG TOGETHER THEN WHEN THE FOREST BECAME DENSE... AND THE FULL MOON REACHED ITS PEAK... I STOPPED.
WHY DO YOU STOP, MONSIEUR? ARE YOU TIRED?
NO, PAUL, NOT TIRED! JUST HUNGRY!
THEN... OF COURSE... I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF! THERE WAS NO USE DENYING THE INEVITABLE...
MONSIEUR. Y..YOU'RE CH... CHANGING! LET ME OUT OF HERE!
I CAN'T, PAUL! TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M FAMISHED!

HE MADE A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO ELUDE ME, BUT OF COURSE I WAS SO MUCH STRONGER! EVEN THIS GIANT COULDN'T STOP A VAMPIRE!
WHAT WARM SWEET BLOOD, PAUL! IT HEARTENS ME GREATLY! HA! HA!
AND THE NEXT AFTERNOON, I MET MAYOR LAFARGE IN THE INN-SALOON HE WAS VERY DISTURBED
PAUL HAS BEEN KILLED, MONSIEUR FARNO! YOU WERE SEEN WITH HIM LAST.
BUT I LEFT HIM IMMEDIATELY! HOW COULD SUCH A YOUNG GIANT BE OVERPOWERED AND KILLED?
THAT ALSO PUZZLES ME! AND THAT IS WHY YOU HAVE BEEN ABSOLVED OF ALL GUILT! FORGIVE ME, BUT WE ARE SUSPICIOUS OF EVERYONE! OH, I WANT YOU TO MEET MY DAUGHTER DESIRE!
CHARMED!
CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, VAMPIRES ARE LIKE ORDINARY PEOPLE... THAT IS TO SAY, THEY CAN GO OUT DURING THE DAYTIME. BUT, OF COURSE, THEY DO HAVE ABNORMAL APPETITES, AND MINE WAS GROWING AGAIN!
IT IS A HORRIBLE THING, IS IT NOT, MONSIEUR? I KNEW PAUL VERY WELL! WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING? HIS NECK WAS... IT WAS AWFUL!
PLEASE DON'T LET IT MAKE YOU OVERWROUGHT, DESIRÉ! A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOU NEEDS LAUGHTER AND GAIETY!
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED I CULTIVATED THIS WONDERFUL GIRL'S FRIENDSHIP. PICNICS, DAYS ON THE BEACH, DANCING!
PARDON ME, OLD MAN! CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THE ROAD TO BELNOW IS? I SEEM TO BE LOST!
IT IS NOT FAR FROM HERE! YOU JUST..

YOU GO THREE KILOMETERS TO RUE CHAMPLAIN T-THEN...Y-YOU
YES? GO ON! SOMETHING WRONG, OLD MAN?

HA! HA! HA!
MONSIEUR! YOUR HANDS! YAAAAHHHH!

I WENT HOME, MY GAIETY BUBBLING OVER! THE NEXT MORNING OVER THE BREAKFAST TABLE
I JUST HEARD THE NEWS! THIS IS TERRIBLE! SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!
IT WAS MY GRANDPERE, I LOVED HIM, (SOB)!

HER GRANDFATHER? NO! IT COULD NOT BE! EXCLAIMED TO MYSELF, BUT THE FACTS WERE NOT TO BE DENIED! AND DESIRE COULD BE NEXT!
WHAT SHALL I DO? I DON'T WANT TO KILL DESIRE AS WELL! BUT MY OVERWHELMING DESIRE FOR BLOOD LEAVES ME WEAK!

NEVERTHELESS I HAD TO KEEP UP A PRETENSE. I ORGANIZED A SEARCH PARTY TO CAPTURE THE "MURDERER" AND THE POOR SIMPLE PEASANTS FELL ALONG WITH MY PLANS
YES! WE WILL HANG HIM ONCE WE CATCH HIM!
COME! WE MUST FIND THIS MAN! HE IS PROBABLY HIDING IN THE FOREST!

WE'LL SPLIT UP SO THAT WE MAY SEARCH MORE EASILY! I WILL TAKE THE CENTER ROUTE!
BIEN! WE WILL GO TO THE RIGHT AND LEFT OF YOU, MONSIEUR!

MOMENTS LATER
LOOK THERE, MONSIEUR LE MAYOR, QUICKLY!
EH? WHERE?
OH I'M AFRAID YOU MISSED HIM! HE WAS A LITTLE TOO FAST FOR YOU!
NONSENSE! I THINK I SEE SOMETHING
AIEEEEEEEEEEE!
THE ONLY THING YOU SAW WAS YOUR IMAGINATION! NOW YOU SHALL REALLY SEE HIM! HA! HA!
I ATTENDED TO MY BUSINESS QUICKLY. THEN WITHOUT WASTING ANOTHER MOMENT, I TORE MY CLOTHES, SLASHED MY FACE, ...AND RAN BACK TOWARD THE MAIN BODY!
HELP! HELP! THE MAYOR! HE'S BEEN ATTACKED BY... BY A VAMPIRE! I BARELY ESCAPED!
IT'S MONSIEUR FARNO! SACRE BLEU! WE MUST FIND THE CREATURE!
OH- WALTER- WALTER MY DARLING! YOU .. YOU ARE ALIVE! I HEARD THE MENS SHOUTS! FATHER IS... IS... ?
YES, DEAR! THIS IS A HORRIBLE NIGHTMARE! WE MUST LEAVE THIS ACCURSED PLACE!
I SHOULD HAVE EXULTED IN MY CUNNING, BUT I WAS TORN BY THE BITTER ANGUISH OF MY EVIL! DESIRE NOW MEANT MORE TO ME THAN LIFE ITSELF! BUT SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE LEFT OF THAT PRECIOUS BLOOD!
I-I WOULD RATHER KILL MYSELF FIRST! I'LL FIND ANOTHER VICTIM! YES,... THAT'S IT!

THAT NIGHT I STALKED A PRETTY YOUNG THING WHO LIVED NEAR THE VILLAGE...TO BLOT OUT THE TEMPTATION OF KILLING DESIRÉ!
DON'T BE ALARMED, MY CHILD! IT WILL HURT BUT A MOMENT!
BUT THAT NIGHT I WAS CARELESS!
DID HE SEE ME? I WONDER!
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?
BEG PARDON, SIR! BUT DESIRÉ LAFARGE IS DOWNSTAIRS SHE GAVE ME THIS NOTE!
YOU MAY LEAVE! THANK YOU!
I SAW THE SHEER FRIGHT IN THE MORTALS EYES! THEN I KNEW I HAD BEEN FOUND OUT! I OPENED DESIRÉ'S NOTE!
"DARLING, TAKE ME AWAY...I LOVE YOU! WE CAN BE MARRIED AND BE TOGETHER ALWAYS! I WAIT FOR YOUR ANSWER. DESIRE"
Y-YES!
SWEET DESIRÉ. I SHALL NEVER HARM YOU!
THEN I KNEW WHAT TO DO! THE INN-PORTER WOULD BE SUMMONING HIS FELLOW BUMPKINS..AND MY HEARTED DOWN BELOW. I WAS AT THE WINDOW INSTANTLY!
DESIRÉ...COME UP QUICKLY! I'VE CAUGHT THE VAMPIRE! DO EXACTLY AS I SAY. TAKE A LARGE WOODEN STAKE FROM THE STOVE. YOU MUST KILL IT AS IT LIES IN ITS COFFIN!
Y-YES.
I EXERTED EVERY OUNCE OF MY HYPNOTIC POWER, FOR SHE WOULD NEVER DO IT OF HER OWN FREE WILL!...REALIZING WHO AND WHAT I WAS BEFORE SHE COULD KILL ME. I HEARD THE DOOR OPEN.
QUICKLY! YOU MUST PLUNGE IT DOWN AS HARD AS YOU CAN!
YES.
DESIRÉ, I SHALL LOVE YOU ALWAYS!
SOMEDAY SHE WILL UNDERSTAND... SOMEDAY...SHE WILL PITY ME!
THE END

CAT OF HORROR

THE MYSTIC VEIL OF INDIA HIDES MANY DARK AND ASTOUNDING EVENTS, BUT NONE SO WEIRD AND SOUL-CHILLING AS THIS TALE OF A MAN, HIS WIFE AND A BLACK PANTHER!

BEVIN SHAWCROSS WAS A MINOR OFFICIAL ASSIGNED TO A REMOTE AREA OF PUNJAB. MANY THINGS COMBINED TO MAKE HIS LIFE A MISERABLE ONE ...

THERE WAS HIS WIFE'S PANTHER....

KEEP BACK!

AND THEN, THERE WAS HIS WIFE!

THAT BLASTED CAT HATES ME!

NO MORE THAN *I* DO! IT'S NATURAL FOR THOSE WITH STRONG SPIRITS TO DESPISE THE ***WEAK!***

I KEEP THE PANTHER BECAUSE I ADMIRE GRACE AND STRENGTH AND COURAGE--THOSE VERY QUALITIES IN WHICH YOU ARE SO DEFICIENT!
LATER, IN TOWN...
CAN'T YOU CONTROL THAT BEAST? HE KEEPS SNARLING AND SNAPPING AT ME! I CAN'T EVEN WALK WITH YOU!
JUST ANOTHER REASON WHY I SO HIGHLY VALUE HIS COMPANY!
HA-HA! THE ENGLISHMAN IS TOO TAME A PET FOR HIS WIFE!
BECAUSE OF HER THEY ALL LAUGH AT ME! IF SHE TREATED ME WITH RESPECT I WOULDN'T BE SUCH A FAILURE!
GREAT WEAKNESS AND GREAT PRIDE GO TOGETHER, AND HIS WIFE'S SCORN RANKLED DEEP IN SHAWCROSS' HEART....
NOTHING WOULD GIVE ME GREATER PLEASURE THAN KILLING HER--BUT THAT BLASTED PANTHER PROTECTS HER LIKE HIS VERY OWN!
THAT DAY AN AGED FAKIR CAUGHT THE ATTENT ON OF SHAWCROSS...
SEE ME LATER, SAHIB.... I HAVE AN IMPORTANT SECRET I THINK YOU WISH TO BUY!
WHAT?
CURIOUS SHAWCROSS WAITED FOR THE OLD MAN IN A DIMLY LIT ALLEY....
WELL, I'M HERE, OLD MAN!
THE LORE OF ANCIENT INDIA IS STRANGE AND VERY POWERFUL. FOR INSTANCE, I KNOW AN INCANTATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT YOUR SOUL TO LEAVE YOUR BODY A WHILE AND ENTER THE FORM OF ANY ANIMAL!
WHAT GOOD WOULD THAT DO ME?
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE OF VALUE. THE CHOICE IS YOURS, SAHIB!

HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!.. ...I CAN USE SOMETHING LIKE THAT! OF COURSE, I'LL BUY IT, OLD MAN!
AND LATER, AT HOME...
I'LL HAVE MY SPIRIT ENTER THE BODY OF THE PANTHER, AND THEN I'LL KILL HER!
NOW TO PUT THE INCANTATION TO WORK...
ABASHTI KRANOS ENNO ESHARTI ABASHTI, IN DEMOS ABASHTO!
A CLOUD OF ACRID SMOKE ENGULFED THE ROOM, AND SHAWCROSS FELL BACK UNCONSCIOUS....
WHEN HE AWOKE, ALL HIS SURROUNDINGS SEEMED STRANGE AND DISTORTED..
FOR A WHILE HE WONDERED, THEN SUDDEN COMPREHENSION FLOODED HIS MIND....
OF COURSE THINGS SEEM DIFFERENT! I'M SEEING THEM THROUGH THE EYES OF THE PANTHER! THE INCANTATION WORKED! I AM THE PANTHER!
I MUST HAVE BEEN UNCONSCIOUS FOR HOURS! SHE....SHE THINKS I'M DEAD! NOW I'LL SHOW HER WHAT A MISTAKE IT WAS....PREFERRING THE BEAST TO ME!

SUDDENLY, EVEN BEFORE THE TALONS OF THE MADDENED BEAST TOUCHED HIS PREY....

FOR A FEW SECONDS THE BEAST STOOD MOTIONLESS, WHINING WITH FEAR....

AND THEN AS THE GHOST OF SHADOWCROSS ADVANCED ON HIM!

SHAW CROSS HIT THE CRINGING PANTHER A SHARP BLOW WITH THE CANDELABRA!

I'LL SHOW YOU WHO'S MASTER HERE!

CRACK

JUST BEFORE HIS MIND REELED INTO BLACK OBLIVION, ONE QUESTION TORTURED THE MIND OF THE MAN-BEAST!

I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHOSE SPIRIT IS IT--- INHABITING MY BODY?

IT TOOK MANY WEEKS FOR MRS. SHAWCROSS TO NURSE HER PET BACK TO HEALTH...

HE'LL BE WELL SOON!

THEREAFTER SHE TOOK PECULIAR PLEASURE IN PARADING HER PANTHER DOWN THE DUSTY STREETS....

THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN WATCHED, AND WONDERED AT THE CHANGE....

SHE USED TO HATE HER HUSBAND.

YES....NOW IT IS SO DIFFERENT! THE HUSBAND ONCE TIMID IS PROUD AND HAUGHTY, AND THE PANTHER IS THE WEAKLING! IT IS AS IF THEY CHANGED SOULS!

SHAWCROSS WONDERED TOO, UNTIL ONE DAY....

YOUR PLAN WORKED WELL. NOW I HAVE A HUSBAND WHO IS STRONG AND COURAGEOUS....A MAN WITH THE GRACE OF A PANTHER!

AND A PANTHER WITH A TIMID, TAMED SOUL AS A PET!

FINISH

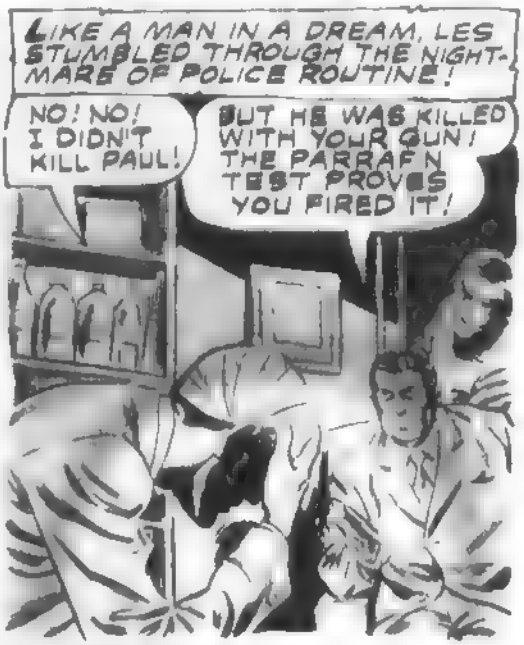
THE DEAD LIVE

THE PARTNERSHIP OF LESTER PALEY AND PAUL NASH HAD MUSHROOMED INTO ONE OF THE LEADING BROKERAGE HOUSES!
WELCOME HOME, LES! HOW WAS THE TRIP?
GREAT! BUT NOT HALF AS NICE AS GETTING BACK TO YOU, CORA!
HOW ABOUT A WELCOME HOME KISS FOR YOUR FIANCEE?
UH-UH! WHAT IF A CUSTOMER WALKED IN AND SAW THE PRESIDENT KISSING HIS RECEPTIONIST? BESIDES, PAUL IS WAITING TO SEE YOU!
HELLO, LES! I WORRIED ABOUT YOU CARRYING $50,000 IN NEGOTIABLE BONDS WITHOUT A GUARD!
NOBODY EVEN LOOKED AT THE CASE, PAUL! BUT LOCK IT UP IN THE SAFE!

AND PUT THIS GUN AWAY, TOO! I FEEL FUNNY CARRYING IT, EVEN THOUGH THE POLICE ADVISED ME TO... HUH?
WHA...? LES! LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!
Then...
NO! NO! ARE YOU INSANE?
WHO? ARRGHH!

STUNNED BY THE PAIN, LES FELT A PRESENCE THAT SNATCHED HIS FALLEN PISTOL!
DON'T! ARRGHH!
HIS MUSCLES WERE POWERLESS TO RESIST! STRONG HANDS SHOVED THE HOT GUN INTO HIS FINGERS!
THERE WAS ONE LAST EXPLOSION INSIDE LES PALEY'S SKULL...

LES CAME BACK TO ACHING CONSCIOSNESS... TO A WORLD OF NIGHT MARSH HORROR!



Then... A HUMAN BODY STRAINS AGAINST IT'S BONDS AS THE CURRENT SEARS LIVING FLESH!

I PRONOUNCE THIS MAN LEGALLY DEAD! THE UNDERTAKER CAN NOW HAVE HIM!
THE SELFISH LOUSE! HE TOOK $94,000 WITH HIM RATHER THAN GIVE IT BACK TO THE PEOPLE WHO TRUSTED HIM WITH THEIR MONEY!
HE'S ALL YOURS, MR. UNDERTAKER!
HE'S WORTH $250.00 THE STATE PAYS ME TO DISPOSE OF THOSE EXECUTED!
LESTER PALEY WAS LOST IN A WORLD OF BLACKNESS, KNOWING NOTHING OF HIS WEIRD RIDE AND THE STRANGE INCIDENTS THAT MARKED IT!
HURRY, MY DEAR! JUMP IN BEFORE SOME SNOOP SEES US!
DID EVERYTHING WORK OUT AS WE PLANNED? NO SLIP UPS?
THERE ARE ALWAYS SLIP-UPS...FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT PLAN THOROUGHLY!
THEN WE'RE ALL RIGHT! HURRY!
LES PALEY LAY IN AN INKY DARKNESS...UNTIL SUDDENLY A RAY OF LIGHT SPLIT THE DARK!
THE LIGHT SPREAD AND TO LES CAME A KIND OF DAZED CONSCIOUSNESS!
OHH!
WE HAVE SUCCEEDED! THE NEXT STEP IS YOURS!
I-I AM READY, BUT A LITTLE FRIGHTENED!
I..I'M ALIVE! BUT THEY KILLED ME!
HUSH, DARLING! ANSON LEMORT BROUGHT YOU BACK FROM THE DEAD!
YES PALEY! YOU ARE MY FIRST SUCCESS! BUT SUCCESS IS NOT COMPLETE! YOU ARE NEITHER DEAD OR ALIVE!
I..FEEL SO ..ODD, CORA! YOU...YOU... DID THIS FOR ME?

BUT HE WAS ALIVE! HE STILL RESPONDED TO HIS UNCERTAIN WILL!
WE CAN BE TOGETHER ALWAYS IF YOU WILL OBEY!
AS LONG AS MY MACHINES ARE ON YOU WILL BE... IF NOT ALIVE... AT LEAST UNDEAD! IF I OPEN THIS SWITCH, NO POWER ON EARTH CAN REVIVE YOU!
DEAREST, I HAD TO BARGAIN! I PROMISED YOU WOULD OBEY ANSON LEMORT!
CORA, MY LOVE! I... I PROMISE WHATEVER I MUST DO TO SHARE YOUR LOVE!
THREE MEN MUST DIE, PALEY... THE JUDGE WHO SENTENCED YOU... THE EXECUTIONER, AND THE DOCTOR WHO PRONOUNCED YOU DEAD! THEY MUST DIE!
THEY... MUST... DIE...! I... UNDER-STAND!
OBEY HIM, DARLING! TONIGHT KILL THOSE THREE! THEN RETURN AND ENJOY ETERNITY WITH ME!
IF YOU FAIL, I'LL PULL THIS SWITCH AND YOU'LL BE DOOMED TO ETERNAL BLACKNESS!
REST NOW, LES, DEAR! WHEN NIGHT FALLS YOU CAN REPAY THE DEBT WE BOTH OWE LEMORT!
THESE WILL HELP YOU, PALEY! IF YOU OBEY, YOU MAY GAIN COMPLETE LIFE!
LES SWALLOWED THE PILLS AND FELL INTO A TROUBLED STUPOR THAT WAS NEITHER SLEEP NOR RELEASE! THEY WOKE HIM AT NIGHT-FALL
IT IS TIME, LES! KILL THE JUDGE FIRST... THEN THE DOCTOR!
IF YOU FAIL, PALEY, I'LL PULL THE SWITCH AND YOU DROP DEAD FOREVER!
NOTHING CAN HARM YOU, LES! THE LAW HAS ALREADY KILLED YOU!
MUST... STRANGLE ...JUDGE... THEN DOCTOR... THEN EXECUTIONER! NO ONE... CAN STOP ME!

A HORROR CLAWED AT THE BACK OF LES'S MIND... BUT HE WAS POWERLESS AGAINST THE FORCE THAT RULED HIS BODY!

THE JUDGE! HE...IS LEAVING! CAN'T KILL HIM...

I WON'T BE LONG, DEAR! THE D.A. WANTS TO TALK OVER A CASE WITH ME!

I'LL... KILL DOCTOR... FIRST! THEN COME BACK HERE!

LOOK OUT! EEEEAAH!

AN INSTANT LATER...

I TRIED TO MISS HIM!

KEEP GOING! NOBODY SAW YOU AND YOU CAN'T HELP HIM NOW! HURRY!

WH-WHERE AM I? WHAT HAPPENED? WH-WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

THE COMPREHENSION CAME TO HIM IN A SICKENING TIDE SWEEPING OVER HIM...

THE CHAIR.. CORA... THAT LEMORT... NOW I REMEMBER! I'M SUPPOSED TO KILL THREE MEN! I WAS HEADING FOR THE DOCTOR'S HOUSE!

AM I DEAD OR ALIVE? I MUST KNOW! THE DOCTOR CAN TELL ME! HE MUST KNOW!

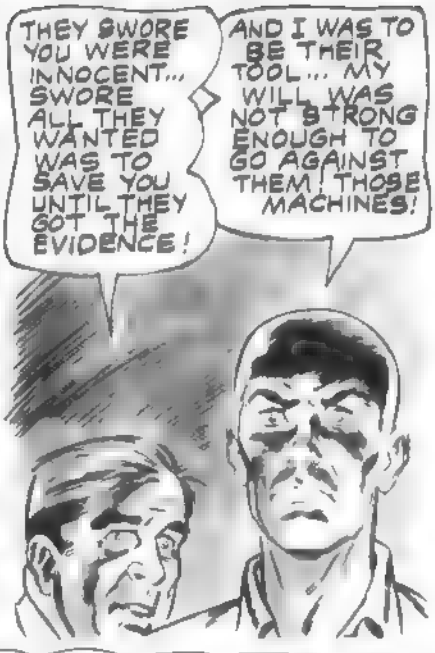
M.D.

YOU! NO! NO! GET AWAY! I WAS INSANE TO TAKE THE MONEY! I'M GOING TO CONFESS!

MONEY? CONFESS? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ANSWER ME... AM I REALLY DEAD?
NO... BUT YOU SHOULD BE! YOUR HEART WAS WEAK! I THOUGHT EVEN THE MILD SHOCK WOULD KILL YOU!

TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY!
THEY PAID US $5,000 EACH... THE EXECUTIONER TO GIVE YOU A SHOCK ONLY TO STUN YOU -- ME TO LIE AND SWEAR YOU WERE DEAD!


THEY SWORE YOU WERE INNOCENT... SWORE ALL THEY WANTED WAS TO SAVE YOU UNTIL THEY GOT THE EVIDENCE!
AND I WAS TO BE THEIR TOOL... MY WILL WAS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO GO AGAINST THEM! THOSE MACHINES!

FAKES! A LIGHT TO HYPNOTIZE YOU... DRUGS TO DULL YOUR WILL! HE WANTED US DEAD FOR FEAR WE'D TALK!
THEN I'M ALIVE... BUT I'M DEAD BY LAW! I CAN KILL WITHOUT BEING PUNISHED!

I SEE IT ALL NOW! I'D KILL FOR THEM AND THEY'D BE BE FREE TO CREATE OTHER HELPLESS VICTIMS!

AT THAT MOMENT...
HE MUST'VE ALREADY THROTTLED THAT MEDDLING JUDGE! HE'S PROBABLY STALKING THE DOCTOR NOW...
SOON WE'LL HAVE AN ARMY OF DUPES LIKE HIM LOOTING THE CITY FOR US!

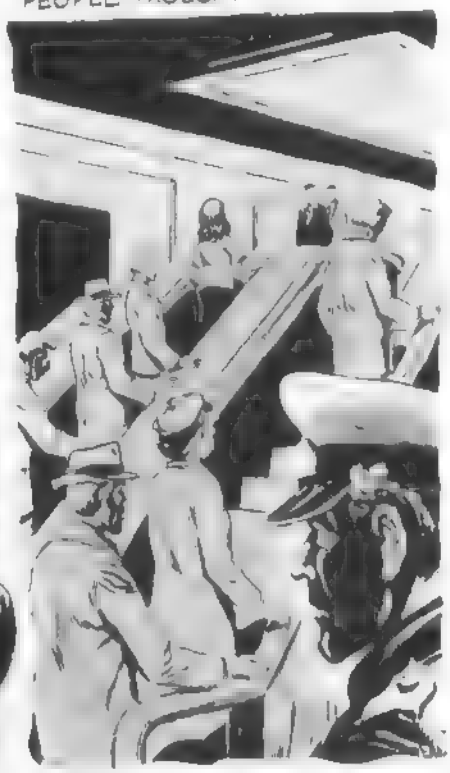
YES, MY DEARLY BELOVED... I'LL KILL! AND THANKS TO YOU TWO I CAN NEVER PAY THE PENALTY!
EEEEEK! L-LES! ANSOM... DO SOMETHING! HIS WILL IS FREED!

STALL HIM!
YOU MURDERED PAUL AND TOOK THE $50,000 IN BONDS!
YES, AND I EMBEZZLED THE $40,000 FROM YOUR ACCOUNTS!
LESTER PALEY SPRANG WILDLY... HIS SHAKING HANDS CLOSING ON HER THROAT!
YUGHH-H! ANSON-- S-SAVE ME!
I THINK NOT, MY DEAR! I CAN BLAME THIS ALL ON YOU NOW AND SAVE MYSELF AND THE MONEY AS WELL!
THANKS FOR ELIMINATING HER, PALEY! NOW I CAN KILL YOU... REALLY KILL YOU... IN SELF DEFENSE! SHE BRIBED THOSE OTHERS! I'M CLEAR!
CORA IS DEAD... I'M DEAD... NOW YOU WILL DIE!
EEEAH! DROP I SAY! YOU'RE DEAD!
AND YOU'LL JOIN ME IN DEATH!
AGH-AGH-AGH!
DIE! DIE!
THE SHOTS AND SCREAMS BROUGHT THE POLICE...
YOU MEAN THIS GUY HAD NINE SLUGS IN HIS CHEST AND STILL CHOKED THE OTHER ONE TO DEATH?
THAT--AND WORSE, CASSIDY! THIS IS LESTER PALEY!
THE GUY WHO WAS BURNED LAST NIGHT? YOU'RE NUTS!
IT MUST BE... BECAUSE ACCORDING TO MEDICAL EVIDENCE, THIS MAN HAS BEEN DEAD FOR AT LEAST 24 HOURS!
THE END

BURKE WAS A POLICEMAN AND WE MIGHT ADD, A DARNED GOOD ONE! THE ONLY TROUBLE WITH BURKE WAS HE BELIEVED ONLY HALF OF WHAT HE SAW AND NOTHING HE HEARD... THAT'S WHY THEY CALLED HIM...

the MAN WHO DIDN'T BELIEVE

BURKE WAS A SUBWAY COP... HE ENJOYED HIS TOUR OF DUTY ON THE UNDERGROUND EVEN THOUGH SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT IT WAS EASY!



THIS IS MAC A SUBWAY TRACK WALKER AND REPAIR MAN FOR THE SUBWAY OF THE SPRAWLING CITY...
WHAT'S THIS? A HOLE? MUST HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE HEAVY RAINS LAST MONTH!
I'D BETTER CHECK THIS OUT! ...WHAT AN ODD TUNNEL... NEVER SAW ONE LIKE THIS BEFORE IN THE SUBWAY... MUST BE AN OLD LINE!
...WAIT 'TILL I TELL MY SUPERVISOR ABOUT THIS! ...SURE IS DARK HERE!
...THEY TOLD ME TO REPORT ALL WALL BREAKS! WEL... I'LL BE... THERE'S A LIGHT UP AHEAD!
...ONLY A GLOW COMING FROM THAT PILE... LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING FROM OUTER SPACE OR A RUSSIAN PLOT OF SOME KIND!
ULP!
I SEE IT... BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

AS MAC MOVES TOWARD THE ENTRANCE ONE OF THE ANTS BLOCKS IT! MAC'S HEART SKIPS A BEAT AND SINKS TO THE FLOOR...

MAC CREPT FREE OF THE ANT TUNNEL AND RACED BACK TO BURKE AT THE SUBWAY ENTRANCE...
...BUT -- IT'S TRUE! I SAW THOSE GIANT ANTS, BURKE!
OF ALL THE CRAZY TALES! HOW DO YOU THINK OF THEM?
AW, WHAT'S THE USE? AND JUST TO PROVE YOU'RE NUTS, I'LL GET HELP AND WE'LL INVESTIGATE!
SO THE THREE MEN HEADED BACK INTO THE TUNNEL, THE OFFICERS WERE WELL ARMED..
HEY, BURKE, WHAT DOES YOUR FRIEND SMOKE? SOUNDS LIKE HE HAS PIPE DREAMS!
GO ON, LAUGH IF YOU WANT TO.. BUT THAT TUNNEL IS AROUND HERE SOMEPLACE!
HEY, DID I EVER TELL YOU ABOUT THE LITTLE ELVES I ONCE SAW IN IRELAND?
BUT I TELL YOU, THIS ISN'T A GAG!
...YEAH... SURE! MAC! IN BACK OF YOU! LOOK OUT!

THEY GOT HIM! WE'RE TOO LATE!

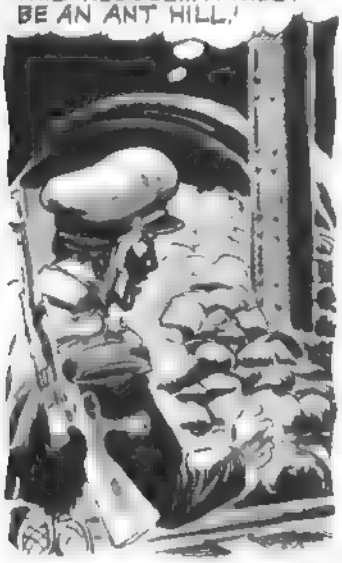
OH, NO! LOOK--THEY PICKED HIM CLEAN!

...HORRIBLE! ONLY A FEW SECONDS AGO HE--GOOD LORD... HE'S CHANGING INTO A--
WE'RE LUCKY THEY WENT BACK INTO THEIR HOLE!

SUDDENLY!
ARWEEEEEEEEEE
HEY, I SEE SOMETHING

THE GIANT ANTS RUSHED ONTO THE SUBWAY TRACKS AS IF IN A PRE-PLANNED ATTACK!
WHREE
BURKE THEY'RE COMING! BURKE WHERE ARE YOU?

HELP!
WHREEE-EE!



NATURALLY NO ONE BELIEVED BURKE'S STORY BUT THEN WHO WOULD? BUT THOSE STRANGE SOUNDS BEHIND THE SUBWAY WALLS ARE STILL THERE... LISTEN...

The End

THE CORPSE THEY COULDN'T BURY

LEAVE ME ALONE... YOU'RE DEAD... DO YOU HEAR ME... DEAD!

HENRI MARLEAU AND GEORGE RICCO GRADUATED FROM THE SAME MUSIC CONSERVATORY WITH HIGH HONORS... LATER AT A RECORDING STUDIO...

YOU'VE BOTH AUDITIONED WELL GENTLEMEN... AND WE'VE CHOSEN YOU, RICCO! NOTHING AGAINST YOU, OF COURSE, MARLEAU!

THROUGH THE YEARS THEIR PATHS CONSTANTLY CROSS...

YOU ARE BOTH GOOD! BUT YOU, RICCO ARE SUPERB! YOU WILL BE MY SOLOIST!

THE FOOLS! THEY APPLAUD RICCO WHILE I LIVE ON CRUMBS!

BRAVO BRAVO

YEARS PASS AND THE FRUSTRATED HENRI MARLEAU BROODS IN HIS SQUALID ROOM...

I AM THE GREATEST VIRTUOSO IN THE WORLD AND RICCO IS JUST A BUM VIOLINIST!

LATER!

I AM THE MASTER AND HE PLAYS INSIDE FOR THOUSANDS WHILE I EARN PENNIES ON THIS STREET CORNER!

AS THE AUDIENCE LEAVES...

RICCO IS GREAT!

LOOK AT THIS POOR BEGGAR! GIVE HIM A COIN, DEAR!

POOR BEGGAR, AM I? FOR THIS RICCO MUST PAY WITH HIS *LIFE*!

AFTER THE CROWD HAS DEPARTED, AN EMBITTERED AND CRAZY MARLEAU AWAITS THE UNSUSPECTING RICCO!

GEORGE RICCO
THE WORLD'S GREATEST
VIOLINIST

MARLEAU WHA...

THE HANDS OF A TRUE ARTIST ARE VERSATILE, RICCO! HA-HA!

ARGGHHH!

NOW TO BURY THE BODY WHERE IT WILL NEVER BE FOUND! I'LL DRIVE YOU THERE RICCO IN YOUR OWN CAR!
THE MURDERER DRIVES HIS VICTIM TO A DESOLATE AREA...
GOODBYE, RICCO! YOU'VE PLAYED YOUR LAST PERFORMANCE!
MARLEAU STARTS BACK TO THE CITY! THEN...
HA-HA! HE'LL TORMENT ME NO MORE! WHA--SACRE BLEU! HIS VIOLIN! I MUST GO BACK!!
BURN! HA-HA! BURN!
YOUR IDIOTIC VIOLIN SHALL FOLLOW YOU, RICCO... SO THAT YOU MAY PLAY WHEREVER YOU ARE! HA! HA! HA!
CRACK!

THE NEXT EVENING AS A VAST AUDIENCE WAITS FOR RICCO, MARLEAU IN A RENTED TUX PRESENTS HIMSELF TO THE MANAGER WHO GRATEFULLY ALLOWS HIM TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ABSENT RICCO!
MY CHANCE AT LAST! NOW TO SHOW THESE IDIOTS WHAT TRUE GENIUS SOUNDS LIKE!
THE CRAZED MUSICIAN OUTDOES HIMSELF...
MAGNIFICENT! I HAVE DISCOVERED A NEW MASTER!
ENCORE, MARLEAU!
AT LAST THEY RECOGNIZE MY TALENT! MY DAYS OF PRIVATION ARE OVER!
YOUR AUTOGRAPH, MR. MARLEAU!
A WHIRLWIND TOUR OF RECITALS, CONCERTS AND RECORDING DATES FOLLOW...
HE'S ONE OF THE GREATES GENIUSES OF THE DAY!
GREAT, MARLEAU! GREAT! THIS RECORD OUGHT TO SELL A MILLION COPIES!
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WHAT'S THE MATTER, MARLEAU?
NOOO...
HE MUST BE GOING MAD!

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MY WORD! YOU'D THINK HE'D SEEN SOMETHING!
RAVING HYSTERICALLY, THE HORROR-STRICKEN MARLEAU STAGGERS FROM THE ROOM TOWARD HIS TERRACE, FORTY FLOORS ABOVE THE CITY!
YOU'LL NEVER GET ME! HA-HA-- NEVER...
...NEVER! AIEEEE!
GHASTLY! WHAT COULD HAVE MADE HIM DO IT? WHO WAS HE TALKING TO?
AND... AND WHAT DID HE SEE?
THOSE IN HENRI MARLEAU'S APARTMENT WILL NEVER KNOW WHAT GROTESQUE SIGHT HE SAW...A SIGHT THAT DROVE HIM TO HIS VIOLENT DEATH! BUT WHEN THEY REACHED HIS BROKEN BODY THEY S SOMETHING EQUALLY AS STARTLING... A BURNING VIOLIN!
THE END